

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasushi SAITOH

Application No.: New U.S. Patent Application

Filed: November 9, 2001

Docket No.: 111084

For: WIRE PRESS-CONTACT METHOD AND METHOD OF ATTACHING PRESS-CONTACT TERMINAL TO CONNECTOR HOUSING

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A method of attaching a press-contact terminal to a connector housing, wherein each of said press-contact terminals respectively set in said terminal fitting groove portions, into each of which said wire is press-fitted by performing said wire press-contact method according to claim 1, is pushed out along a longitudinal direction thereof to thereby be attached in a corresponding one of terminal attaching holes of said connector housing.

Please add new claim 4 as follows:

-- 4. A method of attaching a press-contact terminal to a connector housing, wherein each of said press-contact terminals respectively set in said terminal fitting groove portions, into each of which said wire is press-fitted by performing said wire press-contact method

according to claim 2, is pushed out along a longitudinal direction thereof to thereby to be attached in a corresponding one of terminal attaching holes of said connector housing. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 3 is amended and claim 4 is added to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Oliff  
Registration No. 27,075

Joel S. Armstrong  
Registration No. 36,430

JAO:JSA/cmm

Attachment: Appendix

Date: November 9, 2001

**OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC**  
**P.O. Box 19928**  
**Alexandria, Virginia 22320**  
**Telephone: (703) 836-6400**

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461
--

## APPENDIX

## Changes to Claims:

Claim 4 is added.

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim:

3. (Amended) A method of attaching a press-contact terminal to a connector housing, wherein each of said press-contact terminals respectively set in said terminal fitting groove portions, into each of which said wire is press-fitted by performing said wire press-contact method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, is pushed out along a longitudinal direction thereof to thereby be attached in a corresponding one of terminal attaching holes of said connector housing.